

PROSPECTUSES; SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION AUTHORIZATION FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds approved 2 repair and alteration prospectuses and 32 lease prospectuses.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on pending prospectuses. Testimony was heard from Representative Hutto; from the following officials of the VA: C.R. Julian, Director, Space Management Staff; Richard P. Falco, Deputy Director, Facility Engineering, Planning, and Construction Office; and Leonard Malamud, Deputy Assistant Counsel; and L.L. Mitchell, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 4714, to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan and construct facilities for certain science activities of the Institution. Testimony was heard from Phillip S. Hughes, Under Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule waiving all points of order against specified paragraphs of H.R. 5898, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, for failure to comply with the provisions of clause 2, Rule XXI (prohibits legislation in an appropriation bill and unauthorized appropriations). Testimony was heard from Representatives Hefner, and Regula.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule waiving all points of order against specified paragraphs of H.R. 5899, making appropriations for the Government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, for failure to comply with the provisions of clause 2, Rule XXI (prohibits legislation in an appropriation bill and unauthorized appropriations). Testimony was heard from Representative Dixon.

FEDERAL SUBCONTRACTING PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on SBA and SBIC Authority, Minority Enterprise and General Small Business Problems continued hearings to investigate compliance with the Federal Subcontracting program for small and disadvantaged businesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 28.

MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF AND TRADE BILLS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade continued hearings on certain tariff and trade bills that provide for permanent duty-free entry, duty-reduction, temporary suspension of duty, duty increase, classification changes (H.R. 5182, H.R. 5751, H.R. 4178, H.R. 5418, H.R. 5228, H.R. 3159, H.R. 5182, H.R. 5455, H.R. 5625, and H.R. 5783). Testimony was heard from Representatives Bonker, Gejdenson, McKinney, Wyden, and Kaptur; departmental; and public witnesses.

Joint Meeting

OMNIBUS DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed version of H.R. 4170, providing for certain spending reductions and revenue increases, and reducing deficits by including reconciliations and appropriations caps for defense and non-defense discretionary spending for fiscal years 1985, 1986, and 1987.

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Friday, June 22, 1984

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next convene on Monday, June 25, at 11 a.m.

Committee Meetings

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Martha R. Seger, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered further questions in her own behalf.

BARROW GAS FIELD TRANSFER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Reserved Water concluded hearings on S. 2762 and H.R. 5740, bills to provide for the ratification of agreements entered into by the Department of the Interior, the North Slope Borough, and Alaska Native corporations for the transfer of the Barrow gas fields in the State of Alaska, after receiving testimony from Doyle G. Frederick, Associate Director, and James F. Devine, Assistant Director, Engineering Geology, both of

the Geological Survey, and Paul B. Smyth, Assistant Solicitor, all of the Department of the Interior; and Sanford Sagalkin, Washington, D.C.

LEAD REDUCTION IN GASOLINE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to reduce the amount of lead in gasoline, including S. 2609, to ban the sale of leaded gasoline for highway vehicles after a certain date, and to provide for limited sales of leaded gasoline under Environmental Protection Agency regulations, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bayh; Joseph A. Cannon, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, and Bernard D. Goldstein, Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Vernon N. Houk, Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia; Herbert L. Needleman, Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Jerome F. Cole, International Lead Zinc Research Organization, and Eric Goldstein, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., both of New York City; Howard W. Mielke, The Lead Coalition, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lawrence E. Blanchard, Jr., Ethyl Corporation, Richmond, Virginia; Fred Bowditch, Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, Detroit, Michigan; Richard H. Lincoln, Outboard Marine Corporation, Waukegan, Illinois; R. Thomas Van Arsdall, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Washington, D.C.; Martin P. Zanotti, Saber Energy, Inc., Houston, Texas; Michael Redemar, Beacon Oil Company, Hanford, California; and Robert T. McCowan, Ashland Oil Company, Ashland, Kentucky.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health concluded oversight hearings to examine the Medicare home health benefit, focusing on the intermittent care requirements, after receiving testimony from Patrice Hirsch Feinstein, Associate Administrator for Policy, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Suther, Visiting Nurse Association of Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Association for Home Care and the Home Health Services and Staffing Association; Margie Mills, ABC Home Health Services, Brunswick, Georgia, on behalf of the American Federation of Home Health Agencies; Sister Brigada Cassidy, Hospital Home Health Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Rosemary A. Bowman, Health Care Partners, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Eddie Bernice Johnson, Visiting Nurses Association of Texas, Dallas; Merritt Jacoby, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, Chicago, Illinois; John R. Ander-

son, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut, Inc.; Rufus Williamson, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Tennessee; and Kathryn St. Germain, Blue Cross of California.

NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade concluded hearings on measures to provide import relief to the domestic nonrubber footwear industry, including S. 2731, the American Footwear Act of 1984, and amendments to section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, after receiving testimony from Senators Helms, Cohen, and Kasten; Michael J. Calhoun, Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley & Casey, Lauren R. Howard, Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott, Peter J. Mangione, Volume Footwear Retailers of America, and Chris Van Dyke, NIKE, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; George Langstaff, Footwear Industries of America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Richard W. Shomaker, Brown Shoe Company, and Robert Slosberg, Ripley Industries, both of St. Louis, Missouri; Arthur Gundersheim, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (AFL-CIO), and Joseph J. Shell, National Shoe Retailers Association, both of New York City; Diane Walker, Bethel, Maine, and Jeanne Hebert, Livermore, Maine, both representing the Shoe Workers of Maine; Donald Stephens, Beatrice Foods, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, representing Tanners' Council of America; and Dale W. Hilpert, Volume Shoe Corporation, Topeka, Kansas.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Owen W. Roberts, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo, John W. Shirley, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, and Leonardo Neher, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Upper Volta, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution resumed hearings on S.J. Res. 10, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for women and men, focusing on the impact of the ERA on family law, receiving testimony from Lynn Wardle, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah and Marsha Levick, Legal Defense and Education Fund, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 5916-5921 were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 5655, to amend the Panama Canal Act of 1979 regarding the payment of interest on the United States investment in the Panama Canal, amended (H. Rept. 98-858);

H.R. 5921, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985 (H. Rept. 98-859); and

H.R. 5183, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System lands to Craig County, Virginia, amended (H. Rept. 98-860).

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Journal: By a ye-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 34 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 261, the House approved the Journal of Thursday, June 21.

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Energy and Water Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 5653, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Bevil, Boggs, Chappell, Fazio, Watkins, Boner of Tennessee, Whitten, Myers, Smith of Nebraska, Rudd, and Conte.

Conferees then received permission to have until midnight Tuesday, June 26, to file a conference report on H.R. 5653; and it was made in order to consider the conference report and any amendments in disagreement on Wednesday, June 27, or any day thereafter.

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Legislative Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 5753, making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Fazio, Obey, Murtha, Traxler, Boggs, Hightower, Whitten, Lewis of California, Conte, Myers, and Porter.

It was made in order to consider the conference report and any amendments in disagreement on H.R. 5753 on Wednesday, June 27, or any day thereafter.

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Late Report: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 5921, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related

agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985.

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HUD Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 5713, making appropriations for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Boland, Traxler, Stokes, Boggs, Sabo, Boner of Tennessee, Whitten, Green, Coughlin, Lewis of California, and Conte.

It was made in order to consider the conference report and any amendments in disagreement on Wednesday, June 27, or any day thereafter.

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Military Construction Authorization: By a ye-and-nay vote of 312 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 262, the House passed H.R. 5604, to authorize certain construction at military installations for fiscal year 1985.

Agreed To:

The committee amendments;

An amendment that strikes \$35 million authorizations for ground-launched cruise missile bases in the Netherlands;

An amendment that strikes the \$900,000 authorization for Defense Property Disposal Office, San Diego, Imperial Beach, California;

An amendment that increases the State share of proceeds for sales of timber harvested on military reservations from 25 to 40 percent;

An amendment that authorizes \$4.8 million for rehabilitation of family housing units at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey;

An amendment that names portions of facilities to be constructed at the Brooke Army Medical Center for Senator Tower and Representative Kazen; and

An amendment that directs the Secretary of the Army to designate a portion of Fort Lewis, Washington, as a site for a fish hatchery.

Rejected an amendment that sought to reduce the total authorizations by at least 5 percent.

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make such other necessary technical and conforming changes as necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

H. Res. 529, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Federal Pay Equity: By a ye-and-nay vote of 276 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 263, the House agreed to H. Res. 526, providing for the consideration of H.R. 5680, to promote pay equity and to eliminate certain discriminatory wage-setting practices within the Federal civil service; to establish a performance

management and recognition system; and to improve the Senior Executive Service.

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Subcommittee To Sit: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation received permission to sit during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule on Tuesday, June 26.

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Soil Conservation: House insisted on its amendments to S. 663, to make persons who produce agricultural commodities on highly erodible land ineligible for certain agricultural-related programs; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives de la Garza, Jones of Tennessee, Weaver, Bedell, English, Glickman, Daschle, Stenholm, Tallon, Durbin, Evans of Illinois, Madigan, Coleman of Missouri, Jeffords, Skeen, Morrison of Washington, and Gunderson.

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Calendar Wednesday: Objection was heard to a unanimous-consent request to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of June 27.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight Saturday, June 23, to file a conference report on H.R. 4170, Deficit Reduction and Tax Reform Act of 1984.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 17984, 18011, 18017. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported a clean bill in lieu of H.R. 5813, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985.

OVERSIGHT—ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks continued oversight hearings on the implementation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980. Testimony was heard from R. Max Peterson, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 25.

Joint Meetings

OMNIBUS DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees met in closed session, to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed version of H.R. 5167, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1985 for military procurement programs of the Department of Defense, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Monday, June 25.

OMNIBUS DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed version of H.R. 4170, providing for certain spending reductions and revenue increases and reducing deficits by including reconciliations and appropriations caps for defense and non-defense discretionary spending for fiscal years 1985, 1986, and 1987.

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Monday, June 25, 1984

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Res. 414.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S.J. Res. 235, to authorize the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Incorporated, to establish a National Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 98-528)

S. 1816, to amend the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, the Tariff Act of 1930, and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to improve the labeling of textile fiber and wool products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and an amendment to the title. (S. Rept. No. 98-529)

S. 2562, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act, and for other purposes (with additional views). (S. Rept. No. 98-530)

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Urgent Supplemental Agriculture Appropriations, 1984—Conference Report: By 79 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 155), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.J. Res. 492, appropriating urgent supplemental funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, for the Department of Agriculture.

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Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to Senate amendment numbered 5.

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